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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hull et al.

Serial No. 09/546,399

Filed: 10 April 2000

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Marjorie A. Moran

For: CHEMICAL STRUCTURE SIMILARITY RANKING SYSTEM
AND COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 having a 30 day shortened statutory period of response set to expire by February 13, 2003. The following election is respectfully submitted.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Group I. (claims 1-8, drawn to a method for calculating the similarity of a chemical compound to a chemical probe) for prosecution.

AUTHORIZATION

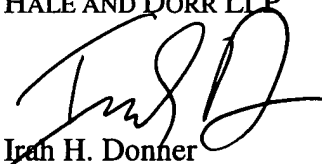
No additional fees are believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219

In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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